

SENATE BILL 2979

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
56-7-2401, relative to reimbursement for services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2401(a), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) When any policy of insurance issued in this state provides for reimbursement for any service that is within the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed optometrist, as defined in § 63-8-102; a licensed psychologist designated as a health service provider, as provided by title 63, chapter 11; licensed psychological examiner; certified psychological assistant supervised as provided by title 63, chapter 11; licensed senior psychological examiner; a duly licensed podiatrist as defined in § 63-3-101; a duly licensed independent practitioner of social work, as defined in § 63-23-103; or a duly licensed marital and family therapist, as defined in § 63-22-115, the insured or other person entitled to benefits under the policy shall be entitled to reimbursement for the services, whether the services are performed by a duly licensed physician; by a duly licensed optometrist; by a duly licensed podiatrist; by a duly licensed psychologist designated as a health service provider; by a duly licensed psychological examiner supervised as provided by title 63, chapter 11; by a certified psychological assistant supervised as provided by title 63, chapter 11; by a duly licensed senior psychological examiner; by a duly licensed independent practitioner of social work; or by a duly licensed marital and family therapist, not to exceed the percentage of reimbursement provided for psychiatrists in the policy, notwithstanding any other provision in the policy.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.